A

NARRATIVE

OF WHAT PASSED AT THE

REVOLUTION HOUSE,

AT

WHITTINGTON,

COUNTY OF DERBY, IN THE YEAR 1688.

WITH A

PERSPECTIVE VIEW,

AND

PLAN OF THAT COTTAGE.

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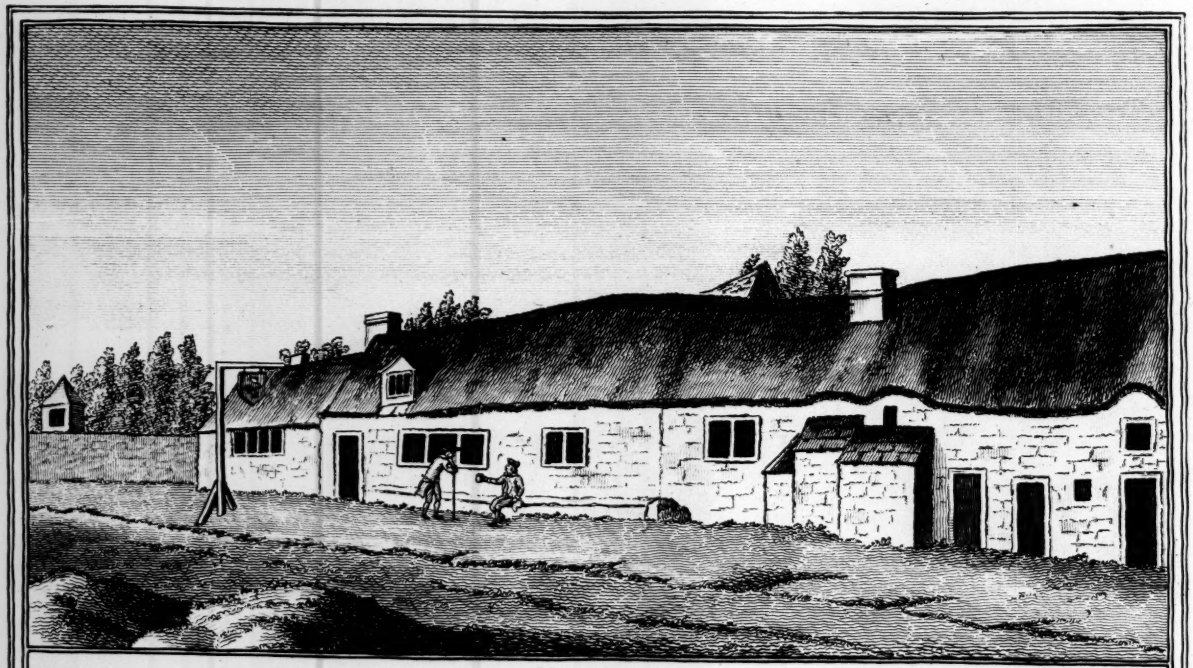
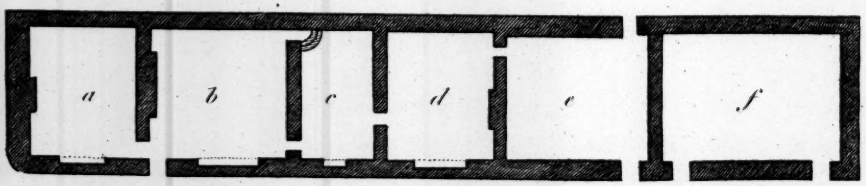


The Revolution House at Whittington near Chesterfield, Derby-Shire.



BEING willing to preſerve a repreſentation of the Revolution Houſe at Whittington, which probably, will not long withſtand the ravages of time, I have had it engraved, with a deſign to preſent a few Impreſſions to ſome Nottinghamſhire and Derbyſhire Friends, who had ſignified their intentions of celebrating that great event in that Cottage. I am now happy to have it in my power to make it better worth their acceptance, by the addition of a Letter I received from my worthy and learned Friend the Rev. Mr. Pegge, the Rector of Whittington. Theſe my Friends will do me the favor to accept, as a ſmall token of my regard, with which I am

Their

Moſt obedient

Humble Servant,

H. ROOKE.

Woodhouſe,
Oct. 21*ſt*, 1788.

Revenue House in Warrington was robed proudly, and at every gate
stood the troops of time. I have had a repeated, and a different
prelent a few Impressions to Some Warrenhurghire
Friends, who had Spirit taken intentions of celebrating that great event
in their Cottages. I only need Hurry to Shew it many Poorer neighbours a
better worth their acceptance. By the collection of a few I received
from my worthy and honoured Friend the Rev. Mr. Rogers, the Rector of
Warrington. Those my Friends will do me the favour accordingly, as a
small token of my regard, with which I am

Their

Most obedient

Humble Servant,

H. ROOKE.

Woodhouse,
Oct. 25th, 1786.

To HAYMAN ROOKE, Esq;

DEAR SIR,

UNITED as we are in Sentiments, both of us fast Friends, upon Principle, of that great, and ever memorable Constitutional Event, the Revolution, *of which the Jubilee, or Centenary Commemoration, is intended to be celebrated at the* Revolution House, *in Whittington, the 5th of Nov. next, I beg Leave to present you with a short Relation, from the best Authority, of what passed at that Place, An.* 1688, *and occasioned the House to be called by that name.*

My Narrative, Sir, will be a proper Companion to that accurate Drawing you have made of the House, and mean to distribute among your Friends at the time, and also a necessary one, since tho' many Gentlemen may have heard, in general Terms, of the House's going by that Name, yet few of them perhaps may be informed of the true cause and occasion of its taking that singular and distinguished Appellation. I am Sir, to detain you no longer,

Your most obedient

Whittington, *Humble Servant,*

Sept. 1788. SAMUEL PEGGE.

THE

Duke of LEEDS' own ACCOUNT

OF HIS MEETING

The Earl of DEVONSHIRE and Mr. JOHN D'ARCY, (1)

AT

WHITTINGTON, Co. Derb. A. D. 1688.

THE Earl of Danby, afterwards Duke of Leeds, was impeached A. 1678, of High Treaſon by the Houſe of Commons, on a Charge of being in the French Intereſt, and, in particular, of being popiſhly affected; many, both Peers and Commoners, were miſled, and had conceived an erroneous

1. Son and heir of Conyers Earl of Holderneſs.

opinion

opinion concerning him and his political conduct. This he has ſtated himſelf in the Introduction to his Letters, printed A. 1710, where he ſays, " That the malice of my Accuſation did ſo mani-" feſtly appear in that Article wherein I was charged to be popiſhly " affected, that I dare ſwear there was not one of my Accuſers that " did then believe that Article againſt me."

His Grace then proceeds, for the further clearing of himſelf, in theſe memorable words, relative to the *meeting at Whittington*, the ſubject of this memoir.

" The Duke of Devonſhire alſo, when we were Partners in the " ſecret Truſt about the *Revolution*, and who did meet me and Mr. " John D'Arcy for that purpoſe, at a Town called *Whittington*, in " *Derbyſhire*; did in the preſence of the ſaid Mr. D'Arcy, make a " voluntary Acknowledgment of the great miſtakes he had been led " into about me; and ſaid, that both he, and moſt others, were

" entirely

" entirely convinced of their error. And he came to Sir *Henry*
" *Goodrick's* Houſe in Yorkſhire, purpoſely to meet me there again,
" in order to concert the times and methods by which he ſhould
" act at *Nottingham* (which was to be his Poſt), and I at *York*
" (which was to be mine); and we agreed, that I ſhould firſt at-
" tempt to ſurprize *York*, becauſe there was a ſmall Garriſon, with
" a Governor, there; whereas *Nottingham* was but an open Town,
" and might give an alarm to *York*, if he ſhould appear in arms be-
" fore I had made my attempt upon *York*; which was done ac-
" cordingly, (2) but is miſtaken in divers Relations of it. And I
" am confident, that Duke (had he been now alive) would have
" thanked nobody for putting his Proſecution of me amongſt the
" glorious actions of his Life."

2. For the Earl of Devonſhire's Proceedings at Derby and Whittington, ſee Mr. Deering's Hiſt. of Nottingham, p. 260. Mr. Drake p. 177 of his *Eboracum*, juſt mentions the E. of Danby's Appearance at York.

This affair of the Earl Devonſhire's concerting meaſures with the Earl of Danby is alſo juſt hinted at by Biſhop Kennet, (3) but the Tradition of the place is more full and expreſs than either the Biſhop or the Earl of Danby; "That the three noble Perſonages "abovementioned met privately one morning, A. 1688, up *Whit-* "*tington Moor*, as a middle place between *Chatſworth*, *Kireton*, and "*Aſton*, to conſult about the *Revolution* then in agitation, and that "a ſhower of rain happening to fall, they removed to the village "for ſhelter, and finiſhed their converſation at a Public Houſe "there, the Sign of the *Cock and Pynot*." (4) This Houſe is a Cottage, and ſtands at the Point where the Road coming from *Cheſterfield* divides, (that on the left hand going to *Sheffield*, and that on the right to *Rotherham)* and has ever ſince been called the *Revolution Houſe*. The Room marked (*d*) in the Plan of the

3. Kennet, Mem. of Fam. of Cavendiſh, p. 148.

4. The Provincial Name of a Magpye.

Houſe,

Houſe, is 15 feet by 12 feet 10 inches, and denotes the particular Place where the Noblemen ſat, and is to this day called by the opprobrious name of the *plotting Parlour*. The other Rooms marked in the Plan are as follows, (*a*) the Kitchen, (*b*) a Room called the Houſe, (*c*) little Parlour, (*d*) as abovementioned, (*e*) Brewhouſe, (*f*) Stables.

Biſhop Kennet mentions The Lord Delamere, Sir Scroop How, and ſome few others of greateſt Quality and Intereſt in thoſe parts as concerned with the Earls of Devonſhire and Danby in this important Buſineſs; and theſe two great Patriots were indeed with the Earl of Devonſhire at Nottingham, (5) the 10th or 12th of Nov. and might be privy to the Confederacy, but we have no reaſon to think they were either of them amongſt thoſe that met on *Whittington Moor*, or at the *Revolution Houſe*, as the Duke of Leeds' Narration, our moſt authentic account, is entirely ſilent as to them.

5. Deering Nott. p. 260.